FEDERATION BACKS ACTORS IN FIGHT TO FINISH AFTER MANAGERS BLOCK PEACE

Moguls Forbid Even Informal ACTORS ANSWER of the Enemy.

MEDIATION PLANS FAIL.

"Bill" Brady, Citizen, Forbidden to Lunch With Hugh Frayne, Ditto.

By Frederick Lawrence. Four efforts to create an opening for the settlement of the Actors' Equity Association strike against the Producing Manegers' Association

members' enterprises have been made during the past five days. They were oaked by the managers. New York's theatres will remain closed until the actors and actresses are starved into submission, provided that is possible with the financial re-

peace. That thing, as stated to this writer by Sam H. Harris, of Cohan and Harris, and president of the managers' association, is,

"The managers' association has decided to engage in no discussion with any man or men representing the Actors' Equity Association."

That announcement closed and managers express their readiness to open negotiations. American Fedcration of Labor leaders who did not oppose certain moves the writer made forbidden a continuance of his efnumber. The fourth promising move was spontaneous and resulted from a meeting between William A. Brady of the managers' association; Ed Wynn, internationally known come- for the theatre managers, he said: dian and member of the actors' assoclation, and other actors.

MANAGERS FORBID EVEN IN-FORMAL MEETING.

The result of the Brady-Wynn meetassociation positively forbidding any strike with any body of actors or actors' organization.

The refusal of the managers to in- Association. formally discuss possible approaches STRIKING ACTORS TO ADDRESS to peace negotiations caused the closing of the Cort and Chan's Grand Theatres in Chicago. Before the end of the week thespians engaged in broductions at other Chicago theatres will be called on strike. The Actors' Equity Association, assisted white, Joseph Santley, Ivy Sawyer, on the by the American Federation of Labor, according to reliabe information will close every theatre in the country close every theatre in the country

which their influence extends. The writer's personal efforts to initiate informal peace conversations were inspired by an opportunity of-fered by mere chance, and which he grasped without consulting the actors or their advisers, but which he was peal to George Cohan to reconsider aure would meet the approval of the his resignation from the organization, american Federation of Labor leadera, with whose general policy many years of intimate intercourse had made him familiar. The opportunity

made him familiar. The opportunity arose during a meeting with Edward A. Cooke, general manager of Smith & Golden, producers of "Lightnin".

Mr. Cooke and the writer have been personal friends for twenty-five years. While discussing the strike with Mr. Cooke the writer offered to arrange an informal meeting if pussible between Hugh Frayne, organizer for the American Federation of Labor, and any member c' the Producing Managers' Association, Since the Managers' Association had repeatedly declared, in official statements, their cordial attitude toward ments, their cordial attitude toward ments, their cordial attitude toward organized labor, it did not seem likely they would refuse to permit one of their number to meet Mr. Frayne. Mr. Cooke's personal opinion was

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MEDIATION OFFER OF PLAYWRIGHTS

Tell Authors All They Ask Is Equity Contracts and Right to Arbitrate.

A committee of playwrights sought to pour oil on the troubled waters of the actors' strike this morning tendering their services in any capacity which might be suggested by either or both sides to reach some surces of the American Federation of solution of the difficulty. Their com-Labor behind them, or until the man- munication was signed by George V. agers have suffered such financial osses that they become disheartened. Hobart, Chairman; George Ade, One thing and only one stands be- Eugene Presbrey, Guy Bolton, Frank tween the warring factions and the Mandel, Irvin Cobb, Roy Cooper opening of a door that would lend to Megrue, Harry B, Smith, P. G. Wodehouse.

The answer of the Equity stated that all the actors ask for at the present time is recognition of the Association as their representative and that the Equity contract be generally adopted to cover all engagements of 1919 and 1920. That, if the A. E. A. and the U. M. P. A. cannot coked the door to peace until the agree on a form of contract, the differences shall be arbitrated.

"If your committee feels that this proposition is a fair one," the answer concludes, "and you can arto start the peace ball rolling have range for an acceptance of it by the managers, we will act promptly, forts. Those approaches were three in While the managers agree that the contract is fair they refure to meet with our representatives."

When the offer of the playwrights was made known to Arthur Hopkins,

"There can be only one answer to that; it is the same which has been made to every other individual, committee or association which has offered to mediate. The managers will ing was a decision of the managers' confer with a view to ending, the of their members to engage in con- with any body of their disinterested versations, even though they might friends, but not with the officials of be informal and not binding on the a body which breaks contracts, adassociation, with members of the vises and dictates the breaking of contracts as bas the Actors' Equity

SOLDIERS AT MERRITT.

A number of striking actors will

10,000 members.

Telegrams were sent out this morn ing for a mass meeting of the Friars' Club at the Monastery to-night to ap-

The Winter Garden suit against Resignation of State Senator in Francis Wilson and 200 other members of the Actors' Equity Association for \$500,000 damages and to enjoin the defendants from interfering with the production of "Monte Cristo Republican and Democratic candijr." at the Winter Garden and Shubert's "Follies of 1919" at the 44th Street Theatre, came up this morn. out by the Board of Elections. The ing before Judge Hand in the Federal Court, but Bainbridge Colby, counsel for the Shuberts, asked for and obtained a postponement till Aug. 21. ceed Senator Frank, F. Adel, design IMPOSSIBLE TO SERVE ALL THE nated as a candidate for Municipal

ACTOR-DEFENDANTS. Mr. Colby said that on account of State had not certified Senator Adel's the great number of defendants it resignation on the date of the nomihad been impossible to serve them all nating petitions no vacancy existed. and that Francis Wilson was in Chicago.

The actors are inving a big rally general election. The Republican designation on the succession of the successi

The actors are inving a big rally general election. The Republican destination of the Republican destination destination of the Republican destination destination destination destination destination destination desti "Bill" Harrigan, Ed. Wynn and thers. Jefferson De Angelis will Other speakers will be Robert Hamowitch, representing the LEADERS IN ART WORLD Milkmen's Union, and by Joseph Canon of the Executive Bureau of the Mine Workers of America. Jim Corbett and Eddle Cantor will also speak and arrangem its will be made for distinguished American landscape paintthe first big 'enefit for the Equity

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to the fund and sa'l : 3-day that he will take up with other baseball nagnates the plan for a monster baseball nagnates the plan for a monster baseball benefit for the strikers.

Marie Dressler, who is mothering the chorus girls, said to-day that if the managers think that the strike is going to fixel for lack of funds they have another guess coming. She said that she had an engagement with Mrs. John D. Rockefeller in Both ladies and many more seciety women are interested in 1918 and thus was instrumental in secting the "underpaid" girls and will go deep in their bank accounts to help them out.

"I am getting more money than I artist was mudt by Segard Agendros. een in their bank accounts to help "Hurla" was in Woodlawa Cemeter nem out. Before the functor a death mask of i "I am getting more money than I artist was might by Segord Atendros.

Feline Beauty and Grace Depicted In the World's Greatest Cat Picture TO BOY MESSENGER ON ADRIATIC'S DECK



ORTY-TWO pussies and tom cats of the Persian and Angora species look out from a gold frame at visitors to an exhibition of paintings from the Piedmont Galleries, near Berkeley, Cal., which now is shown at No. 180 Montague Street, Brooklyn. The picture, which cost upward of \$15,000, is reputed to be the finest portrait of cats in the world.

On the canvas, which is 6x9 feet, the cats are shown in life size. The picture is known as "Kate Johnson's Cats," Miss Johnson, who was very wealthy and eccentric, owned 350 cats of all breeds and colors. She was very fond of them, and their daily menu included a pint of cream each day for every cat in the colony. At her death in her will it was found that she had amply provided for the care of her furry peta

FOR STRIKERS WHO HAVE

From Labor of Others," De-

clares Sister.

MRS. FRANCES R. LILLIE, of Woods Hole, Mass., a

sister of Charles R. and Richard

T. Crane of the Crane Co., against

which there has been a strike

of 6,500 men for a month, is al-

excerpts:

right."

leged to have written a letter to John Kilneski, a strike organizer. from which the following are

"The Crane family is getting

We have, through our organi-

zation, a power over the lives of

"For that reason I believe that

the strike for the unionization of

the Crane Company is wise and

"The sooner, for the good of

Mrs. Lillie is a big stockholder

in the firm, but is not on the

"Radically socialistic and harmful to labor," was the comment of Charles, R. Crane ir. to-day. "She read it in a book, 'She doesn't know it, but her expressions to be seen to be a supersistent of the seen to be seen to b

sion of views is most harmful now, not only to industrial cor-porations but to labor as well."

Couldn't Avoid Accident of Run

ning Down Boy.

Emil Swanson, twenty-three, chauf-

society, their money is taken

away from them the better."

the employees that is intolgrable

enormous sums of money from the labor of others without anything like the commensurate re-

turns to society for it."

in modern society."

CHICAGO, Aug. 14,

woman of wealth and a

TIED UP HER OWN PLANTS

can stop to count," said Marie RICH WOMAN PLEADS in a Red Cross auto all day.

Injunctions Obtained by Man-

agers in Boston.

obtained injunctions here to pre-

BOSTON, Aug. 14.-Two managers

vent strikes, and one of them sold

"Buddles," a musical comedy which

opened at the Park Square Theatre,

to the three stars of the play. Donald

Brian, Wallace Eddinger and Peggy Wood are said to have paid \$159,000 to Selwyn & Co., and the play will be under their management. Henry W. Savage, who controls "See-Saw," playing at the Tremont,

obtained from Supreme Court Judge Lawton an injunction restraining of-ficers or members of Equity from in-terfering with the members of his

mpany and forbidding the perform-s to break their individual contracts.

Two Theatres Still Dark to Chicago CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Hearings started

on the theatre managers' injunction

NOMINEES OF BOTH PARTIES

strike and not coming under the

BARRED FROM PRIMARIES

Queens Not Certified When

Petitions Were Filed.

Nominating petitions for both the

dates for State Senator from the Sec-

and District, Queens, have been thrown

board, ruled that neither party could

have a candidate at the primary as a

result of their inspection of the records.

Both parties nominated men to suc-

now rules that as the Secretary of

to be a candidate because of business connections and of wounds received

AT BLAKELOCK FUNERAL

The funeral of Ralph Albert Blakelock

er, brought to Grace Church at 10

Court Justice.

The Election Board

by leaving \$500,000 for their care and maintenance. The recipients of her benefaction have long since ceased to "meow,"

To secure a portrait of some of her treasures, Miss Johnson imported an artist, Karl Kahler, from Europe to do the job. He studied the cats and made sketches of them for a year before actually beginning his task. The picture cost Miss Johnson \$15,000.

The painting at one time was the property of "Borax" Smith, a millionaire, and later became the property of Frank Hackett of San Francisco. It was while the picture was on exhibition in San Francisco that that city was visited by fire and earthquake. By some curious freak of fate it was the only painting in the building that escaped the flames unscathed.

NEWARK MAYOR GOING FISHING TO GET CHEAPER FOOD FOR THE PUBLIC

Crane Family Getting Too Much Wants to Buy Vessels and Sell Product From Catches at

> o go fishing for his people. The scheme is to buy a sea-going fishing vessel, man it with a city crew, catch

army foodstuffs went into effect at Mayor Gillen's retail sales stations in Newark to-day. The Mayor announced yesterday that he expected to lower the prices of hams and bacon, but after conferring with the army zone surplus officers he found he could offer practically all the army

goods on sale at reduced rates. Under the new prices canned bacon was sold at 37 cents a pound, a reduction of 1 cent. The new price for strip bacon has not been announced but Mayor Gillen stated he expects a 3-cent reduction per pound on this article. He said his information came Druggists Convicted of Conspiracy from the War Department, though not in official form.

Ham was sold to-day at 31 cents a pound, a 1 cent reduction, and there

ALIENATION SUIT GOES ON. Judge Refuses Bills of Particulars to Both Sides.

Conflicting stories of why Mrs. Pearl Adele Buird and her daughter Ellnore by a previous marriage, refused to live with Howard D. Buird at No. 2 size cans, which were 12 cents, are now reduced to 10 cents. Smalt cans of pork and beans and to material to live with Howard D. Buird at No. 608 West 115th Street, Manhattan, were disclosed in papers filed in the Sulface of the S Judge Refuses Bills of Particulars

ordered yesterday by Mayor Giller from a private concern in Philadel-phia will be placed on sale. They are being purchased by the city at 7 cents a can and are of a variety of

to live with Howard D. Baird at No. 606 West libth Street, Manhattan, were disclosed in papers filed in the Supreme Court here to-day. Mr. Baird, who lives at the Commodore Hotel, previously had sued his business partner, Frank S. Douglass, of the Pennsylvania Hotel, for altenation of the affections of his wife while he was a boarder at the Baird home. He asked \$50,000 damages. Both men were in court to-day, each asking for a bill of particulars, Justice Lydon denied both motions. Douglass in his answer declared that the wife and daughter had left Baird because of his cruei treatment of them. BABY WITH FOUR ARMS AND FOUR LEGS IS ALIVE

Brooklyn Girl in Excellent Condi-DRIVER FREED OF HOMICIDE. tion; Extra Limbs of Normal Shape, Says Doctor.

legs was born at St. Mary's Hospital. eur for Morris Satman, No. 23 West Brooklyn, last night to Mrs. Mary and Street, was freed of a charge of Pietrafesa. No. 1304 East New York Three persons were killed and a

JAMES E. M'BRIDE DEAD;

Cost Price.

Municipal Civil Service Commission durof deception.

Mayor Gillen of Newark is planning ing the early days of the Hylan adBinkowits had been employed by executive officers of the Fox Film Cor- He in 5 feet 6 inches in height, weight vessel, man it with a city crew, catch the fish and then sell them at cost at the municipal food shops.

William A. Anderson, No. 135 Broadway, has three fishing vessels for asignature at 25,000 each, built for the British Administration of the British Administration of the Registration of the Fox Film Corporation, Corporation, died to day at his home, No. 156 pounds, is dark complexioned, and has black hair, and cyes and is described as a "flashy" dresser.

"My boy is not a thief. Home one has done him dirt."

This is the comment of Mrs. Minning Binkowits, mother of the Whis-

way, has three fishing vessels to several months in a start design at \$25,000 each, built for the British Admiralty but not taken. Each vessel has \$2,000 cubic feet of space for fisher and achieved a start may be took up newspaper to Anderson to say that he is thinking of buying a vessel and to start megority buying a vessel and to st

During the Hylan campaign Mr. Mac-Bride, although in falling health, worked night and day in the interests of the candidate and practically had charge of all the important details. Mayor Hynight and day in the interests of the candidate and practically had charge of all the important details. Mayor Hy-lan appointed him president of the Civil Service Commission. He resigned after Service Commission. He resigned after a short time and, at the request of Win-iteld R. Sheenn, a life-long friend, took charge of one of the departments of the Fox Film Corporation. His wife and one child survive Mr. MacBride.

DOCTOR GETS TWO YEARS FOR SALE OF NARCOTICS

Also Sentenced to Atlanta

Judge Rufus B. Foster in the Federal were more than 40,000 pounds of it at District Court to-day sentenced Dr. three. No. 55 South Third Street, Brook-the twenty-nine sales stations. Three-cent reductions were made Street and Louis and William Cohen, No. 1340 Second Avenue, lying on the effective as to canned corn, peas and druggists at No. 16 Amsterdam Avenue. floor, large sized cans of pork and beans. to two years each in the Federal prison! Dr. to two years each in the Federal prison

The question of whether the police have the right to take away from prisoners drug addiction registration was brought up in Tombs Court before Magistrate Huth. Tuesday before Magistrate Huth. Tuesday afternoon Anna Rasenblum, 23, of No. 616
W. 156th Street was arrested charged
by Detective Erb of the Narcotle Squad
with having cocaine. To-day when her
case was called her attorney told the
Magistrate that she was sick and that
during the night she bad tried to jump
out of a window. He said this was
caused by the fact that the police had
taken her registration card and refused
to return it. The hearing was adjourned
until to-morrow.

3 KILLED IN AUTO CRASH.

A girl baby with four arms and four Fourth Fatally Injured as Car Plunges Down Bank. LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Aug. H .-

homicide by Magistrate Ten Eyck in the Yorkville Court to-day. Last Monday the car driven by Swanson killed Herman Metter, ten, of No. 133 East 17th Street, in West 18th Street. At the hearing to-day counsel for the defense asked wincesses if they knew that girls in a candy factory in 18th Street were in the habit of throwing candy from the windows to see children scramble for it. None admitted agues knowledge, but the Magistrate decided that he accident was unavoidable.

The carrant logs are attached just above the normal ones, he said, and first was taken to a flict and Miss Mary Mitchell, of the carrant logs are attached just above the normal ones, he said, and first was taken to a flict wa

DANCER ONLY CLUE PLANE DROPS MAIL AND \$45,000 BONDS OFF SANDY HOOK

Stage Girl With Whom He He Was in Love, Eloped.

Detectives have spread a net to capture "a noted young theatrical dancer," hoping through her to arrest Harry Willham, the Simmons and Slade Wall Street messenger Victory Note, They have received information that the dancer and the \$15 a week boy have been infatuated and that they spoke of mar-riage. They incline to the theory that the messenger and the danser have eloped.

This is the only clue the detectives have so far regarding the disappearance of securities worth \$223,009 and two Wall Street messengers. Benjamin M. Binkowitz of No. 88

Eldridge Street, employed by Richard Whitney & Co., No. 14 Wall Street, disappeared with \$178,000 of Victory notes, Liberty bonds and rallroad securities placed in a satchel for delivery to Kidder, Peabody & Co., lowing despatch: "First airplane across the street, Harry Willham of mail safely received aboard Adriatic. No. 127. West 127th Street left with 2 P. M." \$45,000 worth of negotiable bonds of his employers, Simmons & Slade, No. layed three bours by the unexpected-

sald Mrs. Willham to-day. "I believe for Southampton by way Cherbourg. that if he took the bonds he did it Among the cabin passengers on the because he could get enough money Adriatic were Major Ian Hay Beith. that way to go around to all the the British war writer, and his wife. cabarets and dance."

Deputy Polico Commissioner Laher literary world, said he was going back Los Angeles on April 2, after hav- tures in this country, to write a ing stolen \$32,000 worth of Liberty bonds from the brokerage firm of Another passenger was J. F. Persh-Suecthwayer & Cohn. No. 53 Ex-ing, brother of Gen. John J. Pershing, change Place, Judge Malone in and a clothing manufacturer of Chi-

General Sessions suspended sentence
S. K. Farrington, a member of the
firm of Simmons & Slade, explained
how the brokers came to hire Willnome, but that he was going abroad
on a business errand. ham despite his record. In June, said
Mr. Farrington, an advertisement was
inserted in the newspapers for messengers. Willham was among those
who responded and he showed a
letter of recommendation from an-HELPED TO ELECT HYLAN

In the firm and a photograph of himself in army uniform, saying he had just come from France. The letter, Mr. Farrington has just learned, was a forgery and the photograph was misleading, as Willham had never been in the army, but had evidently product the facture of light wines, said he was soing abroad for a brief time for Sin 42 in the reasons.

ministration and later one of the chief Whitney & Co. about eight months.

EXPLOSION IN COAL OFFICE MAY COST TWO MEN SIGHT

Blow Up in Burns Brothers' Washroom Believed to Be Due to Escaping Gas.

Employees in Burns Brothers coal office. No. 426 East 32d Street, were
alarmed shortly after 8 o'clock this
morning by an explosion in a wash room
that tore out windows and started a
small blaze. Several hurried into the
small blaze. Several hurried into the
room and found Frederick Wild, fortyroom and found Frederick Wild, forty-

Dr. Patterson of Bellevue Hospital at Atlanta. They were convicted of treated the men for severe burns and conspiracy in the sale of narcotics. A sent them to the hospital, where it stay of execution was granted and the was later and there was dauger of their men were released on ball pending the fourtenne of an appeal.

The question of whether the police have been due to excaping gas.

Police Believe Willham and Aviator Flies From 86th Street With Sack From Pier After Liner's Departure.

The first mail to be sent to a transatlantic liner at sea by airplane was delivered to the White Star liner Adriatic off Sandy Hook to-day by who disappeared with eighty-eight Aviator C. J. Zimmerman, who \$500 Liberty Bonds and one \$1,000 started from the Columbia Yacut Club pler at 18th Street and the North River as soon as he received a sack of mail which was sent to him by automobile from the White Star pile after the steamship had cast off. Zimmerman tled the sack to a rope

at the other end of which were a number of weights fastened to separate' strands. He had practiced whirling such a device at a pole over dry land until he was sure of catching a mast of the Adriatic.

The mail sack was inclosed water-proof bag.

At a little after 'two o'clock tho White Star offices received the fol-The sailing of the Adriatic was de-

ly large number of passengers book-"My soft is crazy over dancing." ing at the last moment. She cleared Major Hay, as he is known in the

said Willham was brought back from to England after delivering 450 lec-"peace book and a peace play."

PATHFINDER AIRPLANES WAIT ONLY ON WEATHER

Six at Mineola Ready to Start on Flight to Pacific Coast at

cruiting mission.

The six pianes are all set on the ground at Mineola awaiting favorable weather to take the air. As soon as the weather reports from Washington indicate the right conditions the planes

FINDS GUN IN PAVIO'S ROOM. Anarchistic Literature in Editor's

Quarters, Police Say. Carl Pavio, indicted by the extraordinary grand jury for criminal an-archy, was brought here this afternoon by Detective Edward Cooper of the Bomb Squad, who arrested him Employees in Burns Brothers coal of- in Detroit. Pavio is said to be the

> Asks More Mooney Case Data. WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 - The House to-day passed a resolution of Representative Blanton, Texas, ask-

DO YOU KNOW

Kansas City is fifth in bank
clearings, ranking next to
New York, Chicago, Boston
and Philadelphia?

John McGraw has contributed \$1,000 ering of men and women of prominence been known to buy gold bricks. to the fund and sa'l :-day that he in the world of art and letters. The